



Two records were established simultaneously Wednesday in intramural flag football action, or inaction, if you prefer. For the first time this season, it rained. Also for the first time, only six of the twelve teams scheduled to play even showed up. The result: five forfeits, including one double forfeit.

Consequently, two more teams qualified for the IM championship tournament which will begin the first round of single elimination Monday. The Billion Dollar Babies finished its regular season with a 3-0 mark and got out of the rain Wednesday with a forfeit. Follow Through, however, in the only game played, earned a spot in the tournament by crushing previously undefeated Burn-Outs & Friends, 20-0.

In action at right, quarterback Ray Lemke of victorious Follow Through, fires a pass that was caught by teammate Dave Gibson, who is not pictured.

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Herb Singleton has completed the adjustment

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Can a junior college transfer quarterback who is used to flipping 20 completions and a couple of touchdown passes enroute to victory under the warm California sun, find happiness calling signals for a 1-5 team that must cope with not only the nation's best teams every other week, but also the cold Oregon rain in between?

Yes, according to Herb Singleton, the new Duck signal-caller who has—in only six weeks—been thoroughly baptized into the world of major college football.

In those six weeks Singleton has been through it all. The 6-3, 215 pounder has: (1) been nearly idolized as the next savior of Oregon football after his stirring performance against Arizona State; (2) spent an entire game on the sidelines because of the fear of his eligibility; (3) lost the confidence of many after throwing two interceptions and fumbling one against Utah; (4) faced 80,000 people and the no. 5 team in the nation in Michigan; (5) won his first major college football start; and (6) seen his squad waste a half-dozen opportunities that could have enabled the Ducks to upset USC.

Herb Singleton isn't a rookie anymore. Yet, he's felt the pressure of major college football. And it's one of the few things that he dislikes about playing in the big-times.

"After Arizona State people expected me to lead the team 80 yards for a touchdown every time I came in," he says. "They wanted everything, not just the 100 per cent that I had to give. It was a big factor in how I played afterward. They really want you to win a lot. I love to win; I'll do anything to win, but if the breaks aren't going my way there's nothing else I can do."

The press is a little different, Singleton feels.

"The newspapers here, well, they're just doing their job but they made it difficult cuz they're always talking about winning and if we don't win we're nothing."

While Singleton is affected by the pressure, he's also learned to cope with it.

"It doesn't bother me so much anymore," he says. "I think a lot of it is that I've put too much pressure on myself to do great. I think I'll do better if I just let time take its course."

There's another difference between JC football and Pac-8 football Singleton has found. Your opponent.

"The main thing I've had to do is make mental adjustments," he says. "I'm used to playing mediocre community college teams and all of the sudden I'm looking at films and reading in the papers about a team we're going to play that's ranked no. 5 in the country. You can play mediocre

teams and get away with it. Now I'm playing teams with 11 great players. You give 110 per cent against a team like USC and still come out on bottom. It's just a matter of me trying harder on every play."

Another difference between the two levels of football that Singleton sees lies in the coaching. And realizing that a coaching staff is the most important thing

to a football player, it's a difference that Singleton likes.

"The relationship between coaches and players here is much better than in junior college," Singleton says. "They're concerned with you here as a football player and as a person. There can be a lot of friction if they only care about you as a football player. Also, they don't pressure you here to play better than you are. They just ask you to do your best."

Preparation for games is much different also, Singleton notes.

"In junior college we didn't worry about technique or the different defenses like we do here. They really emphasize technique here. We spend a lot of time going over films and just talking to the coaches about our assignments. There's as much learning involved as there is practicing."

Singleton's statistics aren't overwhelming; he's completed 56-120 for 679 yards and four touchdowns, but he has already moved into third place in the conference total offense leadership.

"I'm really dissatisfied with my performances so far," he says. "I haven't been able to come up with the big play or the important pass like I should be doing."

Still, he's proved that he can move the ball club.

Only wasted scoring opportunities lie between the Ducks and greatness, according to Singleton. He cites for evidence last week's encounter with USC.

"We had four or five opportunities and if we'd taken advantage of them, we could have come out on top."

Singleton, however, doesn't see the USC loss dampening the Duck's spirit as they prepare for Saturday's clash with Washington at Autzen Stadium.

"Losing one conference game in the Pac-8 means nothing. We still have a shot at the conference title; we can't give up now."

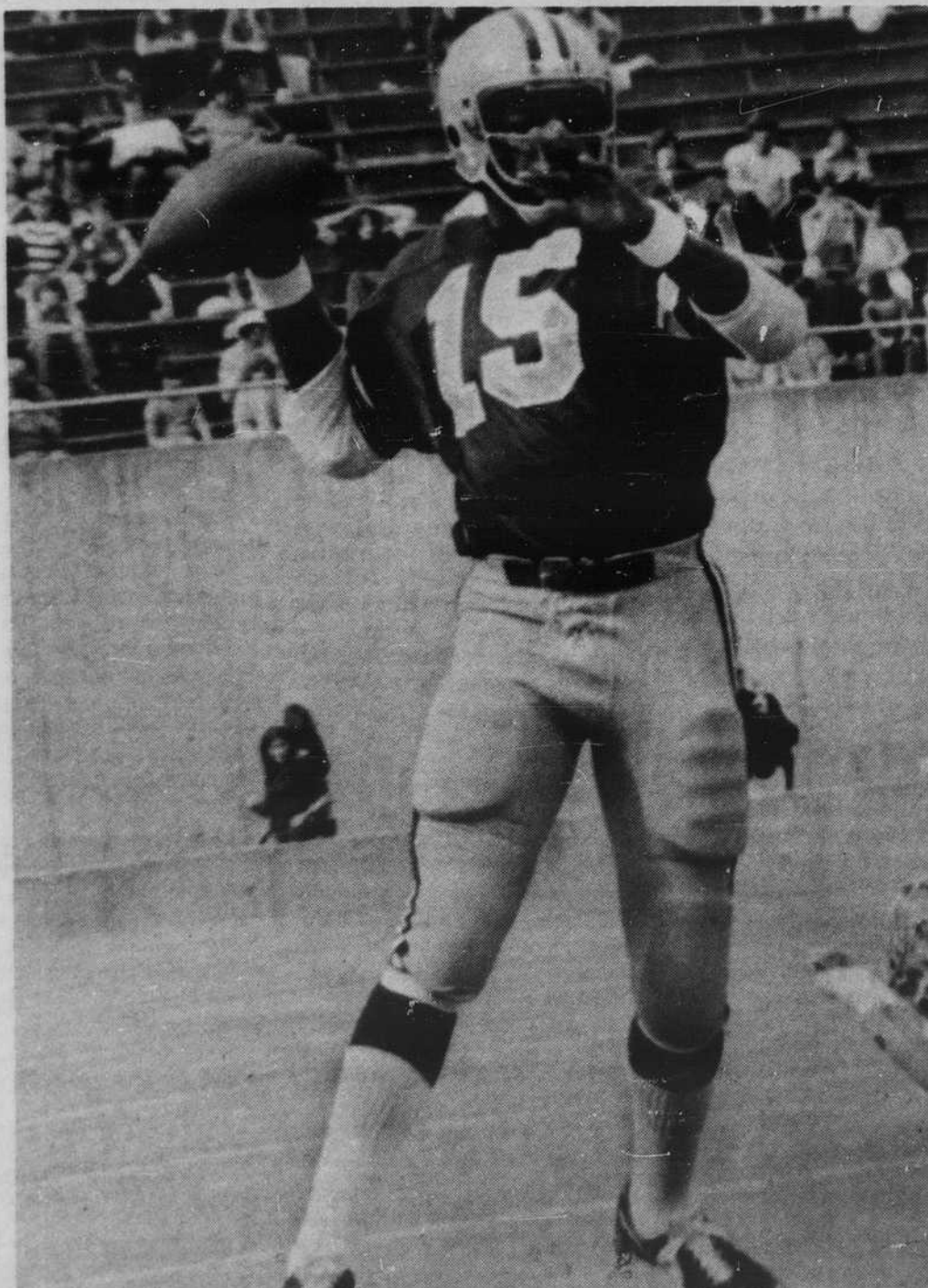
And he isn't about to take 1-5 Washington lightly.

"They're a pretty good team and their defense mixes up their coverage a lot. We can't go into the game lightly, we have to get psyched up."

As the Ducks prepare for the Huskies this week at Autzen, Singleton has to feel out of place. He's never played a game in the rain before.

But he likes Oregon anyway. And he'd like it a lot better if the Duck's win column was a bit fatter.

Singleton and the Ducks will see what he can do about that this Saturday.



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